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hereto as Exhibit A. Applicants received a stamped return receipt postcard verifying receipt of these documents by the Patent and Trademark Office. The stamped return postcard is attached herewith as Exhibit B.

Applicants did not receive a response to the petition and filed a first Status Request on March 12, 2004. Again no response was received and Applicants filed a second Status Request on April 19, 2005. The status requests along with stamped return postcards are attached herewith as Exhibit C.

On June 23, 2006, Applicants' attorney, Paul Fields, contacted the Petitions Office by telephone to determine the status of the Petition filed on March 18, 2002. Mr. Fields was told that the Patent and Trademark Office docket did not show receipt of the Petition and was advised to resubmit the Petition.

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.181(A)

As set forth in the original petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment sent March 18, 2002, Applicants submit that both the Notice of Incomplete Reply sent December 18, 2001 and the Notice of Abandonment sent January 18, 2002 were in error.

The Notice of Incomplete Reply states that “the signature to the oath or declaration is/are by a person other than inventor or person qualified under 37 CFR 1.42, 1.43 or 1.47.” However, the signatures on the timely filed declaration were by an inventor and a person qualified under 37 CFR 1.42 which states that “in the case of the death of the inventor, the legal representative (executor, administrator, etc.) of the deceased inventor may make the necessary oath or declaration.” The declaration was signed twice by Yoshiaki Murao, once as the second listed inventor, and once as the

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legal representative for the first inventor, Masami Murao, his deceased father. If the declaration was in error because it did not state that Yoshiaki Murao was the legal representative of Masami Murao it should have been objected to by the Examiner and not considered an incomplete reply.

The Notice of Abandonment mailed January 18, 2002 states that the application was "abandoned for failure to timely or properly reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed on 05/04/2001" and that "no reply was received." Applicants submit that this Notice of Abandonment was in error. The reply was received, as evidenced by the Notice of Incomplete Reply. Further, it was a proper reply, as it included the required declaration or oath. Even if the declaration was considered defective, it still should have been held as a proper reply and the deficiencies should have been pointed out by the Examiner in the first Office Action as set forth in MPEP § 602.03. The MPEP sets forth guidelines for procedure in the case that a defective oath or declaration is filed. The MPEP does not state that a defective oath or declaration should be disregarded and not considered a response by the applicant.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants petition the Patent Office to withdraw the holding of abandonment on the grounds that such holding is in error. A full and complete reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts was filed in a timely fashion. Since the abandonment is a Patent Office error, Applicants do not believe that a petition fee is due under 37 CFR 1.17(h). However, if the Commissioner should decide otherwise, the petition fee may be charged to deposit account No. 04-0100.

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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(B)

Applicants alternatively Petition to Revive the application. The abandonment of the application and the entire delay from the due date of the reply until the filing of the petition sent March 18, 2002 under 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) was unintentional.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee, such as the fee under Rule 1.17(m) for the present Petition to Revive, to Deposit Account No. 04-0100.

RESUBMISSION OF CORRECTED DECLARATION

Please enter the Declaration submitted on March 18, 2002, copies of which are provided herewith in Exhibit A.

Dated: June 29, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

By


Paul Fields

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Serial No.: 09/813,372

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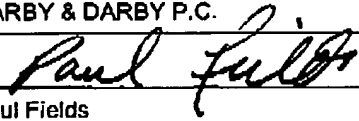
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	Filing Date	March 12, 2001	
	First Named Inventor	Masami Murao	
	Art Unit	N/A	
	Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned	
Total Number of Pages in This Submission	30	Attorney Docket Number	02796/100G216-US1

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EXHIBIT A

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Notice of Incomplete Reply (copy); Notice of Abandonment
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Applicant : MURAO
Serial No. : 09/813,372
Filed : March 12, 2001
For : STRUCTURE FOR ADJUSTING LENGTH
OF ORNAMENT CHAINS

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Masami MURAO; Yoshiaka MURAO

Serial No.: 09/813,372

Art Unit: 3628

Confirmation No.:

Filed: March 12, 2001

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

For: STRUCTURE FOR ADJUSTING LENGTH OF ORNAMENT CHAINS

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.181(A) FOR WITHDRAWAL OF HOLDING OF
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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.137(B) FOR REVIVAL OF ABANDONED
APPLICATION DUE TO UNINTENTIONAL DELAY AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

I. PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.181(A) FOR WITHDRAWAL OF HOLDING OF
ABANDONMENT

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner to withdraw the holding of abandonment. On January 18, 2002, the Patent Office issued a Notice of

Abandonment (copy attached hereto) advising that the application was abandoned due to Applicants' failure to properly reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated May 4, 2001. The Notice specified that the declaration was unsigned. The due date for responding to this Notice was December 4, 2001.

Applicants responded to that Notice on November 12, 2001 by submitting the Declaration signed by both inventors (i.e., Mr. Yoshiaki Murao on behalf of both himself and his deceased father, clearly noting that the father was deceased).

On December 18, 2001 the Patent Office issued a Notice of Incomplete Reply (copy enclosed) from the Patent Office advising that Applicants' reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts was incomplete due to the fact that the signature to the oath or declaration was by a person other than the inventor. This Notice specified that Applicants had to reply to the same by the date set in the original Notice to File Missing Parts. However, this Notice of Incomplete Reply was actually mailed after the last day scheduled for response to the Notice to File Missing Parts (i.e., by December 4, 2001).

Applicants called the Patent Office to clarify the situation. The Patent Office took the position that since a proper Declaration had not been submitted by December 4, 2001, the issuance of the Notice of Incomplete Reply was in error and the application should be considered abandoned. On January 18, 2002 the Patent Office then issued the Notice of Abandonment.

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Applicants respectively submit that Patent Office's position in this matter is in error. Applicants satisfied the Request to File Missing Parts by submitting a signed Declaration. Thus, Applicants timely replied to the Request. Assuming that the Patent Office was correct in that the Declaration was defective, the Declaration should nonetheless have been accepted by the Patent Office as a complete response to the Notice to File Missing Parts. It is normally the Examiner who rejects the Declaration on the basis of being defective. (*See* MPEP § 602 et seq.)

Applicants therefore petition the Patent Office to withdraw the holding of abandonment on the grounds that it should not have been abandoned in the first instance since a complete reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts was filed in a timely fashion.

Because the action being petitioned was not due to Applicants' conduct, Applicants believe that no petition fee is due under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(h). If, however, the Commissioner should decide otherwise, the petition fee may be charged to deposit account No. 04-0100.

II. PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.137(B) FOR REVIVAL OF ABANDONED APPLICATION DUE TO UNINTENTIONAL DELAY, AND RESPONSE

Applicants alternatively Petition to Revive the application. The abandonment of the application and the entire delay from the due date of the reply until the filing

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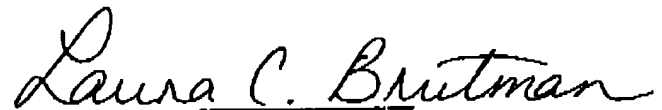
of this grantable petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b)(3) was unintentional.

A response under Rule 1.137(b)(1), namely the filing of a corrected Declaration, is concurrently being submitted herewith.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee, such as the fee under Rule 1.17(m) for the present Petition to Revive, to Deposit Account No. 04-0100.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: March 18, 2002



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APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING/RECEIPT DATE	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER
09/813,372	03/12/2001	Masami Murao	2796/1G216-US1

CONFIRMATION NO. 8850

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Date Mailed: 12/18/2001

NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

Filing Date Granted

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 11/12/2001 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 05/04/2001 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

The required items noted below SHOULD be filed along with any items required above. The filing date of this nonprovisional application will be the date of receipt of the items required above.

- The signature(s) to the oath or declaration is/are by a person other than inventor or person qualified under 37 CFR 1.42, 1.43 or 1.47.

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Date Mailed: 01/18/2002

NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.53 (f) OR (g)

The above-identified application is abandoned for failure to timely or properly reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed on 05/04/2001.

- No reply was received.

A petition to the Commissioner under 37 CFR 1.137 may be filed requesting that the application be revived.

Under 37 CFR 1.137(a), a petition requesting the application be revived on the grounds of **UNAVOIDABLE DELAY** must be filed promptly after the applicant becomes aware of the abandonment and such petition must be accompanied by: (1) an adequate showing of the cause of unavoidable delay; (2) the required reply to the above-identified Notice; (3) the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(l); and (4) a terminal disclaimer if required by 37 CFR 1.137(d).

Under 37 CFR 1.137(b), a petition requesting the application be revived on the grounds of **UNINTENTIONAL DELAY** must be filed promptly after applicant becomes aware of the abandonment and such petition must be accompanied by: (1) a statement that the entire delay was unintentional; (2) the required reply to the above-identified Notice; (3) the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); and (4) a terminal disclaimer if required by 37 CFR 1.137(d).

Any questions concerning petitions to revive should be directed to "Office of Petitions" at (703) 305-9282.

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PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE

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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
(Continuation-In-Part Application)

As a below named inventor, I declare that:

1. The information given herein is true, and I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below), or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below), of the invention entitled:

STRUCTURE FOR ADJUSTING LENGTH OF ORNAMENT CHAINS

which is described and claimed in:

- ☐ the attached specification or
- ☒ the specification in application
Serial No. 09/813,372,
Filed: March 12, 2001
(for declaration not accompanying application);

2. This application in part discloses and claims new subject matter as well as subject matter disclosed in my earlier-filed application(s)

Serial No. 09/418,794
Filed: October 15, 1999
For: STRUCTURE FOR ADJUSTING LENGTH OF ORNAMENTAL CHAINS

3. I acknowledge my duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to patentability in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, including such

material information which occurred between the filing date of said earlier application and the filing date of this application.

4. I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to herein.

5. As to the subject matter of this application which is common to said earlier application I do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before my or our invention thereof or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof, or more than one year prior to said earlier application or in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to said earlier application; said common subject matter has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of said earlier application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to said earlier application. As to the subject matter of this application which is common to said earlier application, I hereby claim the priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119 of any application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below. All applications for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns prior to the application(s) of which priority is claimed as to the common subject matter are also identified below.

PRIOR APPLICATION(S), IF ANY, OF WHICH PRIORITY IS CLAIMED

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>DATE OF FILING</u>
U.S.	09/418,794	10/15/99

**ALL FOREIGN APPLICATIONS, IF ANY, FILED PRIOR
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Japan	UM, H11-6709	9/1/99
Japan	363,798	11/29/2000

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6. As to the new subject matter of the present application which is not common to said earlier application I do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before my or our invention thereof or patented or described in a printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof or more than one year prior to the date of this application, or in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to the date of the present application, and said matter has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to the date of this application. As to the new subject matter of the present application which is not common to said earlier application, I hereby claim the priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119 of any application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below. All applications for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns prior to the application(s) of which priority is claimed for the new subject matter are also identified below.

POWER OF ATTORNEY:

As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agents(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark office connected therewith: Gordon D. Coplein #19,165, Michael J. Sweedler #19,937, S. Peter Ludwig #25,351, Paul Fields #20,298, Marc S. Gross #19,614, Joseph B. Larch #26,936, Melvin C. Garner #26,272, Ethan Horwitz #27,646, Adda C. Gogoris #29,714, Bert J. Lewen #19,407, Henry Sternberg #22,408, Peter C. Schechter #31,662, Robert Schaffer #31,194, Robert C. Sullivan, Jr. #30,499, Ira J. Levy #35,587, Joseph R. Robinson #33,448, Scott G. Lindvall #40,325, Paul F. Fehner, Ph.D. #35,135, David Lesson #36,195, Laura C. Brutman #38,395

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LAST NAME: MURAO (deceased) FIRST NAME: Masami

MIDDLE NAME:

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COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP: Japan

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CITY: Kanda

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FULL NAME AND RESIDENCE OF INVENTOR 2

LAST NAME: MURAO FIRST NAME: Yoshiaki MIDDLE NAME:

CITY: TOKYO STATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY: JAPAN COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP: JAPAN

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I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

SIGNATURE OF INVENTOR 1:  DATED: February 15, 200
Yoshiaki MURAO¹
Legal Representative for Inventor Masami MURAO (deceased)

SIGNATURE OF INVENTOR 2:  DATED: February 15, 200
Yoshiaki MURAO

¹Yoshiaki MURAO is a co-inventor, and thus his citizenship and residence/mailling address are the same as noted above.

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Masami MURAO; Yoshiaka MURAO

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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- ☒ Assignment ☐ Merger
☐ Security Agreement ☐ Change of Name
☐ Other

Execution Date: February 15, 2002

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Street Address: Sumida-Ku

City: Tokyo Country: JAPAN Zip: 130-0023

Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? ☐ Yes ☒ No

4. Application number(s) or patent number(s):

If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is:

A. Patent Application No.(s)

Serial No. 09/813,372
Filed: March 12, 2001

B. Patent No.(s) covered by the U.S. Patent Service & that it was
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ASSIGNMENT

I, **Masami MURAO**, a citizen of Japan, residing at **23, Awajicho 1 Chome, Kanda, Chiyoda-Ku TOKYO 101-0063**; and

I, **Yoshiaki MURAO**, a citizen of Japan, residing at **13-13, Tatekawa 4chome, Sumida-ku, Tokyo 130-0023, JAPAN**.

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STRUCTURE FOR ADJUSTING LENGTH OF ORNAMENT CHAINS

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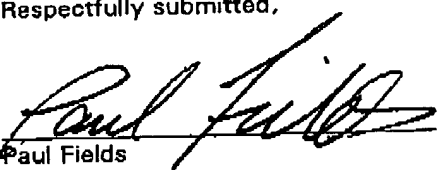
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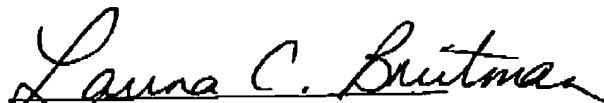
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